GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5407
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2003
WATER USERS ASSOCIATIONS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked the State Governments to form Water Users Associations;

(b) if so, the States which have not yet formed such associations in their States; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage formation of water users associations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION 5407 TO BE ANSWERED 28.04.2003 IN LOK SABHA

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States which have not yet formed Water Users' Associations are Jharkhand, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, and Uttranchal.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to encourage the formation of Water Users Association are (i) providing one time functional grant @ of Rs.500/- per ha. to registered Water Users Associations to be shared by Centre, Stateand farmers in the ratio of 225:225:50 respectively, (ii) sponsoring National, State and project-level conferences and training programmes o n Participatory Irrigation Management and (iii) providing States with Model Act and gudelines for enactment of PIM Acts, amendment to Irrigation Acts.

Realase of Central Assistance for core activities is proposed to be linked with the formation of Water Users' Associations and Distributary Committees under the proposed 'Restructured Command Area Development and Water Management Programme'.